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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a mechanism to encourage volunteers to  
2 teach hunter education programs in Washington; and amending RCW  
3 77.32.155 and 77.32.450.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.155 and 1998 c 191 s 17 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) When purchasing any hunting license, persons under the age of  
8 eighteen shall present certification of completion of a course of  
9 instruction of at least ten hours in the safe handling of firearms,  
10 safety, conservation, and sportsmanship. ~~((Beginning January 1,~~  
11 ~~1995,))~~ All persons purchasing any hunting license for the first time,  
12 if born after January 1, 1972, shall present such certification.

13 (2)(a) The director may establish a program for training persons in  
14 the safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sportsmanship and  
15 shall prescribe the type of instruction and the qualifications of the  
16 instructors. The director may cooperate with the National Rifle  
17 Association, organized sportsmen's groups, or other public or private  
18 organizations when establishing the training program.

1       (~~The director shall prescribe the type of instruction and the~~  
2 ~~qualifications of the instructors.~~) (b) To encourage the participation  
3 of an adequate number of instructors for the training program, all  
4 volunteer instructors committing to teach at least two full classes,  
5 with at least one class being held between August 15th and November  
6 30th, shall be given the opportunity to purchase one multiple season  
7 big game permit under RCW 77.32.450 for each year he or she teaches the  
8 qualifying classes.

9       (3) Upon the successful completion of (~~the~~) a course established  
10 under this section, (~~a~~) the trainee shall receive a hunter education  
11 certificate signed by an authorized instructor. The certificate is  
12 evidence of compliance with this section.

13       (4) The director may accept certificates from other states that  
14 persons have successfully completed firearm safety, hunter education,  
15 or similar courses as evidence of compliance with this section.

16       **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.450 and 2005 c 140 s 1 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18       (1) A big game hunting license is required to hunt for big game.  
19 A big game license allows the holder to hunt for forest grouse,  
20 unclassified wildlife, and the individual species identified within a  
21 specific big game combination license package. Each big game license  
22 includes one transport tag for each species purchased in that package.  
23 A hunter may not purchase more than one license for each big game  
24 species except as authorized by rule of the commission. The fees for  
25 annual big game combination packages are as follows:

26       (a) Big game number 1: Deer, elk, bear, and cougar. The fee for  
27 this license is sixty-six dollars for residents, six hundred sixty  
28 dollars for nonresidents, and thirty-three dollars for youth.

29       (b) Big game number 2: Deer and elk. The fee for this license is  
30 fifty-six dollars for residents, five hundred sixty dollars for  
31 nonresidents, and twenty-eight dollars for youth.

32       (c) Big game number 3: Deer or elk, bear, and cougar. At the time  
33 of purchase, the holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for  
34 this license is forty-six dollars for residents, four hundred sixty  
35 dollars for nonresidents, and twenty-three dollars for youth.

36       (d) Big game number 4: Deer or elk. At the time of purchase, the

1 holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for this license is  
2 thirty-six dollars for residents, three hundred sixty dollars for  
3 nonresidents, and eighteen dollars for youth.

4 (e) Big game number 5: Bear and cougar. The fee for this license  
5 is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents,  
6 and ten dollars for youth.

7 (2) In the event that the commission authorizes a two animal big  
8 game limit, the fees for the second animal are as follows:

9 (a) Elk: The fee is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred  
10 dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for youth.

11 (b) Deer: The fee is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred  
12 dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for youth.

13 (c) Bear: The fee is ten dollars for residents, one hundred  
14 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

15 (d) Cougar: The fee is ten dollars for residents, one hundred  
16 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

17 (3) In the event that the commission authorizes a special permit  
18 hunt for goat, sheep, or moose, the permit fees are as follows:

19 (a) Mountain goat: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents,  
20 one thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

21 (b) Sheep: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents, one  
22 thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

23 (c) Moose: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents, one  
24 thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

25 (4) Multiple season big game permit: The commission may, by rule,  
26 offer permits for hunters to hunt deer or elk during more than one  
27 general season. However, the opportunity to purchase one multiple  
28 season big game permit per year must be made available to each  
29 volunteer hunter education instructor who qualifies under RCW  
30 77.32.155. Only one deer or elk may be harvested annually under a  
31 multiple season big game permit. The fee is one hundred fifty dollars  
32 for residents and one thousand five hundred dollars for nonresidents.

33 (5) Authorization to hunt the species set out under subsection  
34 (3)(a) through (c) of this section or in multiple seasons as set out in  
35 subsection (4) of this section is by special permit issued under RCW  
36 77.32.370.

37 (6) The commission may adopt rules to reduce the price of a license

1 or eliminate the transportation tag requirements concerning bear or  
2 cougar when necessary to meet harvest objectives.

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